

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A pulverulent building material composition having a delayed curing action, comprising

- a) a reactive support material and
- b) a liquid polymer compound applied to the support material, wherein the support material comprises a hydraulic or latently hydraulic binder selected from the group consisting of Portland cement, ground Portland cement clinkers, high-alumina cements, calcium sulfoaluminates, sodium aluminate,  $\text{CaSO}_4 \times n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (where  $n = 0-1.5$ ) and CaO and wherein the polymer compound is detached from the support material by means of mechanical action or action of a solvent during the delayed curing.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer compound is at least one representative from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohols, polyvinyl acetates, polymers based on AMPS, modified or unmodified biopolymers, silanes, polyethylene glycols and waxes.

6. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support material has a mean particle size of from  $0.001 \mu\text{m}$  to  $1 \text{ cm}$ .

7-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Withdrawn) The composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein the polymer compound is a modified or unmodified biopolymer, the modified or unmodified biopolymer selected from the group consisting of xanthan, carrageenin, cellulose ether, starch ether, and combinations thereof.

26. (New) A particulate building material which is curable into a hardened mass after mixing the particulate building material with water, the building material comprising:

a particulate reactive support material having a coating composition applied thereto, the support material selected from the group consisting of Portland cement, ground Portland cement clinkers, high-alumina cements, calcium sulfoaluminates, sodium aluminate,  $\text{CaSO}_4 \times n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (where  $n = 0-1.5$ ),  $\text{CaO}$  and mixtures thereof, the coating composition comprising a polymer compound applied as liquid to the particulate support material, the coated particulate support material being a flowable, sievable pulverulent, wherein the coating is in an amount effective to effect a delay in curing the reactive support material, the cure being effected by removal of the coating.

27. (New) The composition as claimed in claim 26, wherein the polymer compound is selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohols, polyvinyl acetates, polymers based on 2-acrylamideo-2-methylpropane sulfonic acid, modified or unmodified biopolymers, silanes, polyethylene glycols and waxes.

28. (New) The composition as claimed in claim 26, wherein the support material has a mean particle size of from  $0.001 \mu\text{m}$  to  $1 \text{ cm}$ .

29. (New) The composition as claimed in claim 27, wherein the polymer compound is a biopolymer selected from the group consisting of modified xanthan, modified carrageenin, modified cellulose ether, modified starch ether, unmodified xanthan, unmodified carrageenin, unmodified cellulose ether, unmodified starch ether, and combinations thereof.

30. (New) The composition as claimed in claim 27, wherein the support material has a mean particle size of from 0.001  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1 cm.

31. (New) The composition as claimed in claim 30, wherein the polymer compound is a polyvinyl alcohol.